**Grant of Junior Research Fellowship by U.G.C.**

6101. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission conducts examinations for post graduate students twice a year for granting them Junior Research Fellowships and making them eligible for lecturership in Universities and Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fee for appearing in the said examinations has been doubled from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200/-;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore;

(e) whether Government would consider reduction and refund of the examination fee;

(f) whether the said examination becomes redundant in the case of first divisioners as the University and the affiliated colleges have already been offering lecturership in the past to such students; and

(g) if so, whether Government would consider the scrapping up of this examination for the first divisioners of Arts, Science and Commerce faculties for making them eligible for lecturership as no such examination is held for students of medicine, engineering and agriculture disciplines ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University Grants Commission conducts National eligibility Test (NET) examination for post-graduate students twice a year for granting them Junior Research Fellowship and to assess their eligibility for lecturership in University/ College.

(c) and (d) The fee for appearing in the UGC/CSIR NET examination has been raised from Rs. 100.00 to Rs. 200.00 w.e.f. December, 1993 to meet rising expenditure on the conduct of the examination.

(e) The University Grants Commission has decided not to charge any fee from SC/ST candidates for appearing in the NET examination w.e.f. December, 1994.

(f) 55 per cent marks at PG degree level and NET examination is the minimum qualifications for lecturership in Universities/Colleges. Therefore, the question of redundancy of NET examination does not arise.

(g) Does not arise.

**Complaint received by ICSE from Sheiling School, Kanpur**

6102. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination received any communication from the Supervising Examiner, Sheiling High School Allenganj, Kanpur regarding the recently held examination there:

(b) if so, what was the nature of the communication and what action did Council take on this communication;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted thereof; and

(d) if so, details thereof and action taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.